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IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF                      Art Unit: 1646  
Baumgarten, Birgit et al.    Examiner: Li, Ruixiang  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/EP2004/006625  
FILED: June 18, 2004  
U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/560322  
35 USC §371 DATE: September 12, 2006  
FOR: Proton-sensing G-Protein Coupled Receptors and DNA Sequences  
Thereof

MS: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2010. A 1-month extension of time is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). This response is timely filed by the revised due date of August 16, 2010. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis for payment of the extension fee. If it is deemed that additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis. Reconsideration of the present rejections and withdrawal of the present rejections are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.